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Field Crops Report

As of August 17, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 56 percent not being harvested, 7 percent light, 8 percent moderate, and 29 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 8 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 51 percent excellent.

Cotton was reported as 97 percent setting bolls, compared with 100 percent for both last year and the five-year average. **Cotton** boll opening was reported at 29 percent, compared to 43 percent last year and 31 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 41 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 22 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 18 percent good and 4 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, miscellaneous melons, and watermelons. Producers in western Arizona shipped green onions and watermelons.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above average for the week ending August 16. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Flagstaff, Payson, Safford, Willcox, and Winslow, to 5 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly, Coolidge, Phoenix, and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 118 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 49 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 15 of the 17 reporting stations, with 0.01 to 2.09 inches.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 10 TO AUGUST 16, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	74	5	100	54	0.07	3.52	5.46
Casa Grande	89	3	114	70	0.65	3.73	4.95
Coolidge	89	5	116	72	0.04	3.08	5.31
Douglas	78	3	103	63	1.05	3.66	7.83
Flagstaff	65	2	88	49	1.09	9.93	13.87
Gila Bend	93	3	116	73	0.00	5.48	3.96
Grand Canyon	66	4	93	50	1.92	9.93	10.45
Kingman	81	4	106	65	0.33	4.54	6.39
Parker	93	4	118	74	0.00	1.93	3.01
Payson	74	2	97	62	0.41	12.36	13.55
Phoenix	92	5	116	77	0.19	5.23	4.65
Prescott Airport	72	5	97	61	2.09	9.30	8.59
Safford Ag Center	82	2	105	68	0.01	2.55	5.34
Tucson	85	3	110	70	0.24	4.70	6.79
Willcox	78	2	102	62	0.02	3.41	7.54
Winslow	76	2	101	57	0.15	1.14	4.42
Yuma	93	3	115	77	0.01	1.21	1.63

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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